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Mr. Philip Major
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Dear Phil:

I am arranging for a copy of the draft force files for the first of our strategic offensive projections to be sent to you for preliminary use, as you requested in your letter of October 20. We will send a second force projection after the projections working group has reviewed it. The draft forces are, of course, subject to modification and we will send revised force projections as we get them. However, I do not expect significant changes to occur.

It would be helpful if you could send a set of U.S. force files to us at this time. We need force files that reflect the decisions in the strategic modernization program.

Sincerely,



Lawrence K. Gershwin

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LETTER re strategic offensive projections

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October 20, 1981

Dr. Lawrence K. Gershwin
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Dear Larry,

The net assessment agreement between CIA and OSD has necessitated a more formal procedure this year for our annual exchange of U.S. and Soviet force files. I am therefore officially requesting draft NIE 11-3/8-81 forces from CIA. As in the past, we do not want our needs to impose a schedule constraint on CIA efforts. We would like to have the existing draft forces now and receive updates as the estimate changes.

We will, of course, provide U.S. forces at your request. Ken Yufer will be our point of contact.

I am certain you are enjoying your new job. Please keep in touch and let us know if there is any way we can be of assistance.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. L. Major".

Philip L. Major
Deputy Director
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